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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

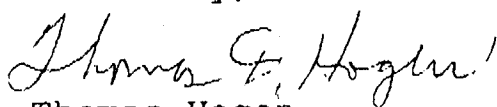
I want to use this opportunity to convey my thoughts on the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe the settlement is a good development for the economy and will end this unwarranted litigation.

The settlement is strong and requires many concessions from Microsoft. And these concessions are backed by very strong enforcement measures. These measures include the creation of a Technical Committee to monitor Microsoft's actions. Also, any third party that believes Microsoft is not meeting their obligations can file a complaint with the Technical Committee, the Department of Justice, or any of the State plaintiffs that are party to the agreement.

Both sides in this dispute will benefit from this settlement. Microsoft can focus their attention on developing new technology that will make businesses more efficient. And the government will be able to focus on more urgent matters, such as stimulating the struggling economy and prosecuting our country's enemies.

Microsoft has been helpful to me in their supply of quality products.

Sincerely,


Thomas Hogen